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For: GENE THERAPY WITH CHIMERIC)
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES)
DELIVERED BY A METHOD)
COMPRISING A STEP OF)
IONTOPHORESIS)

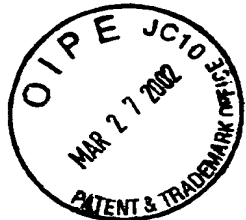
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the
specification and claims as follows.

In the Specification:

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 3, with the following
rewritten paragraph:

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Iontophoresis is a technique which was proposed in 1747 by Verrati and consists
in the administration, in particular of medicaments, into the body through the tissues using
an electric field involving a small voltage. An electrode is arranged at the site to be treated
while a second electrode, intended to close the electric circuit, is placed at another site on
the body. The electric field facilitates the migration of the active products, and/or increase

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